



ME/CS 132: State Estimation & Localization

**Lecture 3/6:
KF, EKF, UKF**

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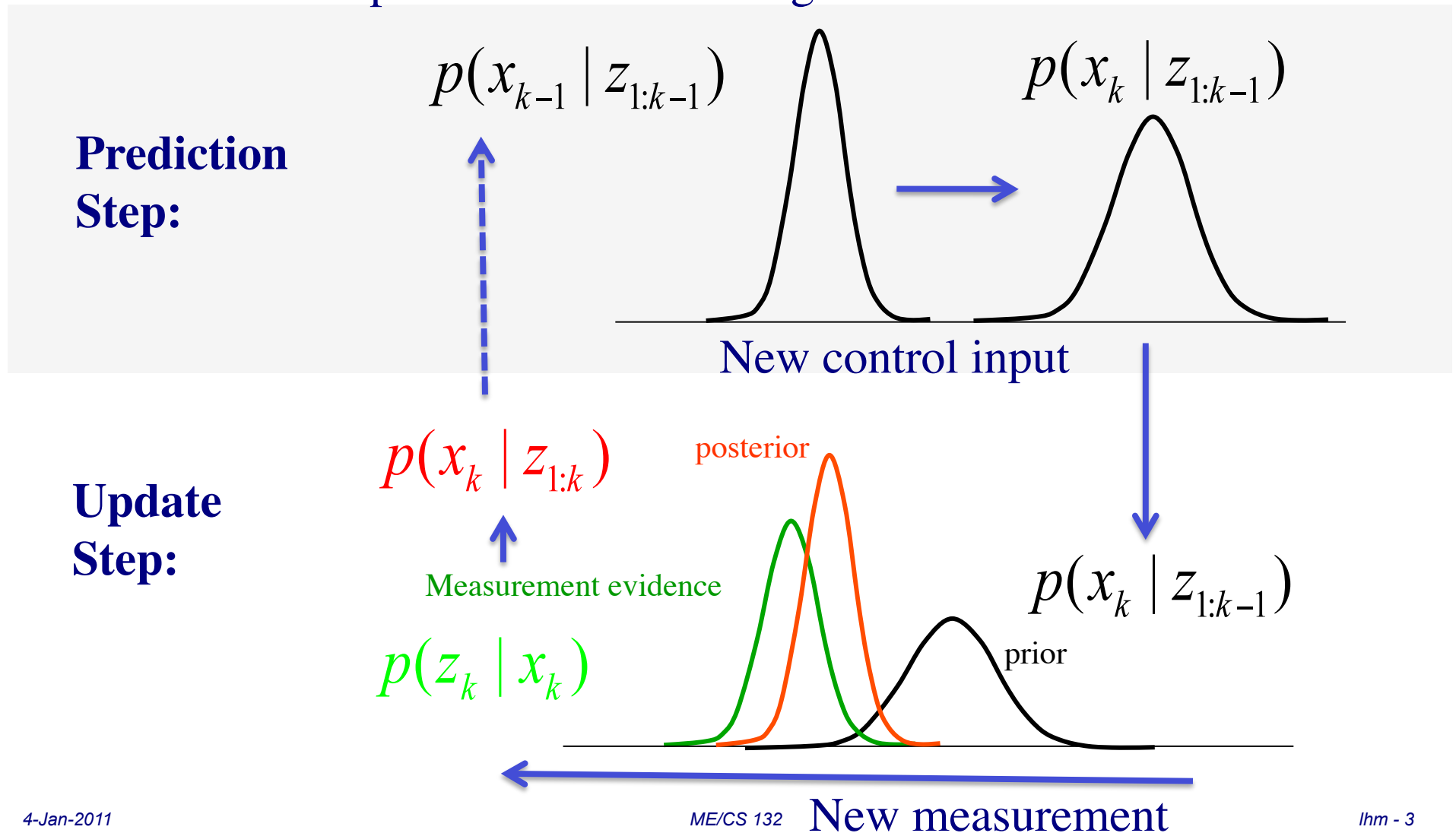
State Estimation & Localization Overview

- (1/6) Introduction
- (2/6) Linear Kalman Filter
- (3/6) TODAY: Extended Kalman Filter & Unscented KF
 - Review of Recursive Updating
 - Finish KF Proof
 - Non-Linear Systems
 - The EKF
 - The UKF
- (4/6) Particle Filters
- (5/6) Simultaneous Localization and Mapping (SLAM)
- (6/6) Issues in SLAM



Bayesian Recursion

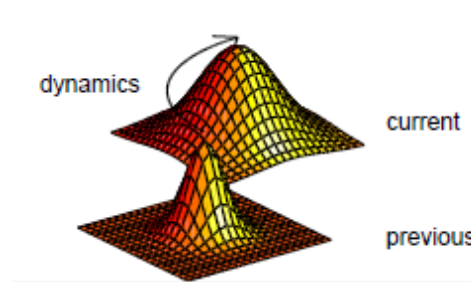
Computation is done through a recursion:





REVIEW: Optimal Bayesian Estimator:

Initialization: $p(x_0)$



Prediction:

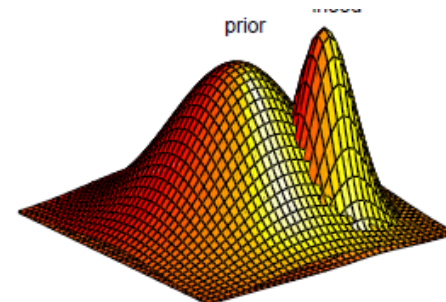
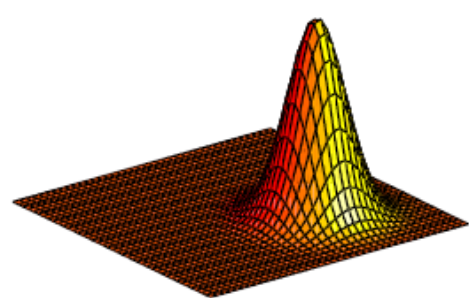
$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

$k = k + 1$

Update:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) \propto p(z_k | x_k) p(x_k | z_{1:k-1})$$

z_k





REVIEW KF: State Space Systems

Linear State Space Model (Gauss-Markov System)

Transition Function

$$x_k = A_k x_{k-1} + B_k u_k + q_k$$

$$z_k = C_k x_k + r_k$$

Measurement Model

Process Noise

$$q_k \sim N(0, Q)$$

$$r_k \sim N(0, R)$$

Measurement Noise

In probabilistic terms the model is

$$p(x_k | x_{k-1}) = N(A_k x_{k-1} + B_k u_k, Q)$$

$$p(z_k | x_k) = N(C_k x_k, R)$$



REVIEW: Kalman Filter: Prediction Step

prediction step:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

$$N(A_k x_{k-1} + B_k u_k, Q_k) \quad N(\mu_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1})$$

Posterior is just another Gaussian!
(Proof: will show later)

....

$$p(x | z_{1:k-1}) = N(A_k \mu_{k-1} + B_k u_k, A_k \Sigma_{k-1} A_k^T + Q_k)$$



REVIEW: Kalman Filter: Update Step

update step:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = \frac{1}{\eta} p(z_k | x_k) p(x_k | z_{1:k-1})$$

$$N(C_k x_k, R)$$

$$N(\bar{\mu}_k, \bar{\Sigma}_k)$$

The product of two Gaussians -> is another Gaussian

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k) \quad (\text{Proof: will show later})$$

$$\begin{cases} \mu_k = \bar{\mu}_k + K_k (z_k - C_k \bar{\mu}_k) \\ \Sigma_k = (I - K_k C_k) \bar{\Sigma}_k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with } K_k = \bar{\Sigma}_k C_k^T (C_k \bar{\Sigma}_k C_k^T + Q_k)^{-1}$$



REVIEW: Putting it all together : KF

Prior estimate

$$p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) = N(\mu_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1})$$

Prediction step

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mu}_k &= A_k \mu_{k-1} + B_k u_k \\ \bar{\Sigma}_k &= A_k \Sigma_{k-1} A_k^T + Q_k\end{aligned}$$

Predicted estimate

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = N(\bar{\mu}_k, \bar{\Sigma}_k)$$

Update Step

$$\begin{aligned}K_k &= \bar{\Sigma}_k C_k^T (C_k \bar{\Sigma}_k C_k^T + R_k)^{-1} \\ \mu_k &= \bar{\mu}_k + K_k (z_k - C_k \bar{\mu}_k) \\ \Sigma_k &= (I - K_k C_k) \bar{\Sigma}_k\end{aligned}$$

Posterior estimate

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$



The EKF

- We will now look at the **“Extended Kalman Filter”**
- You should read **“Probabilistic Robotics” SS 3.3**
- The concept and derivations follows from the KF we just looked at.



Non-linear Systems:

Linear State Space Model

Transition Function

$$x_k = A_k x_{k-1} + B_k u_k + q_k$$

$$z_k = C_k x_k + r_k$$

Measurement Model

Process Noise

$$q_k \sim N(0, Q)$$

$$r_k \sim N(0, R)$$

Measurement Noise

Non-Linear State Space Model

Transition Function

$$x_k = g(x_{k-1}, u_k) + q_k$$

$$z_k = h(x_k) + r_k$$

Measurement Model

Process Noise

$$q_k \sim N(0, Q)$$

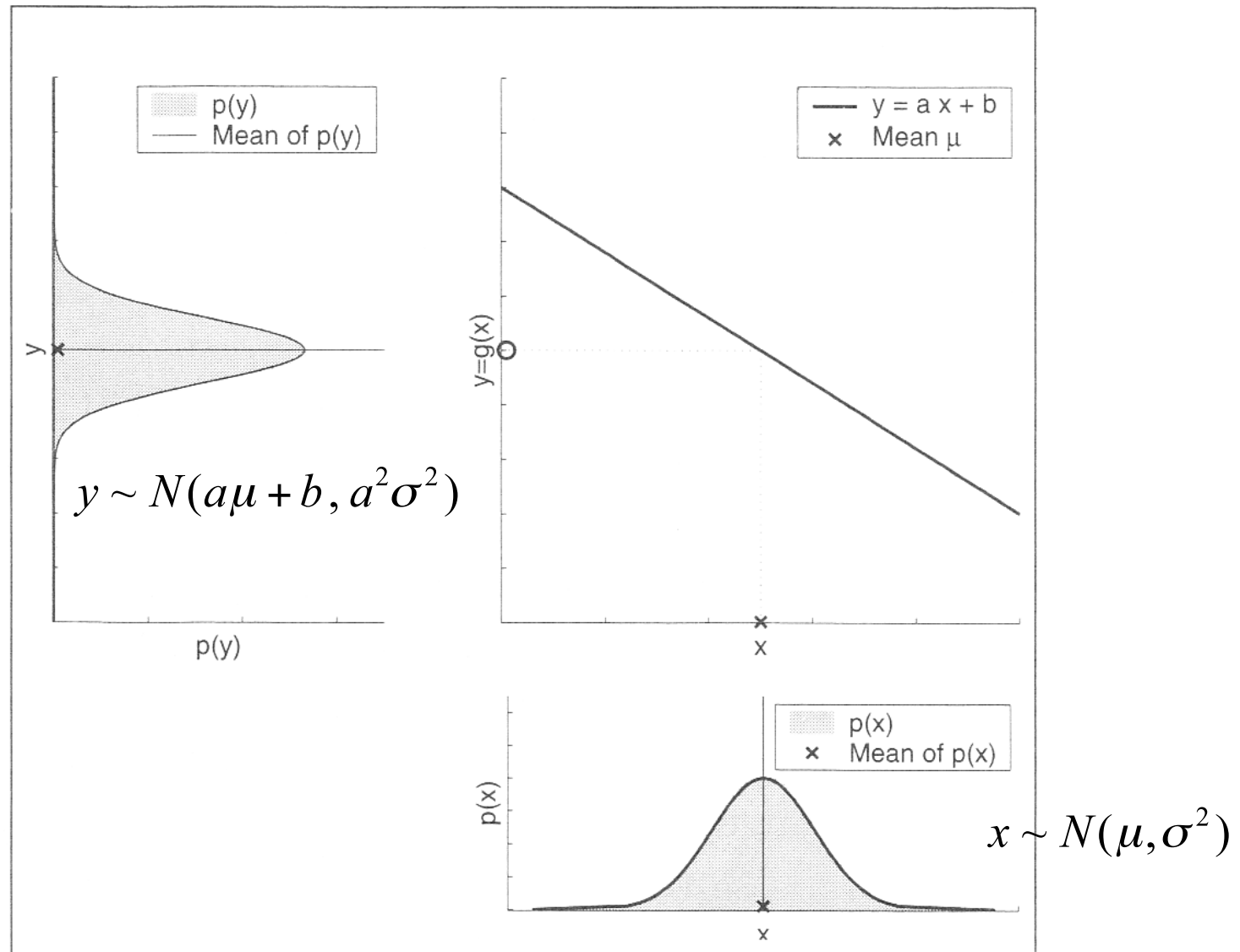
$$r_k \sim N(0, R)$$

Measurement Noise



Linear Function

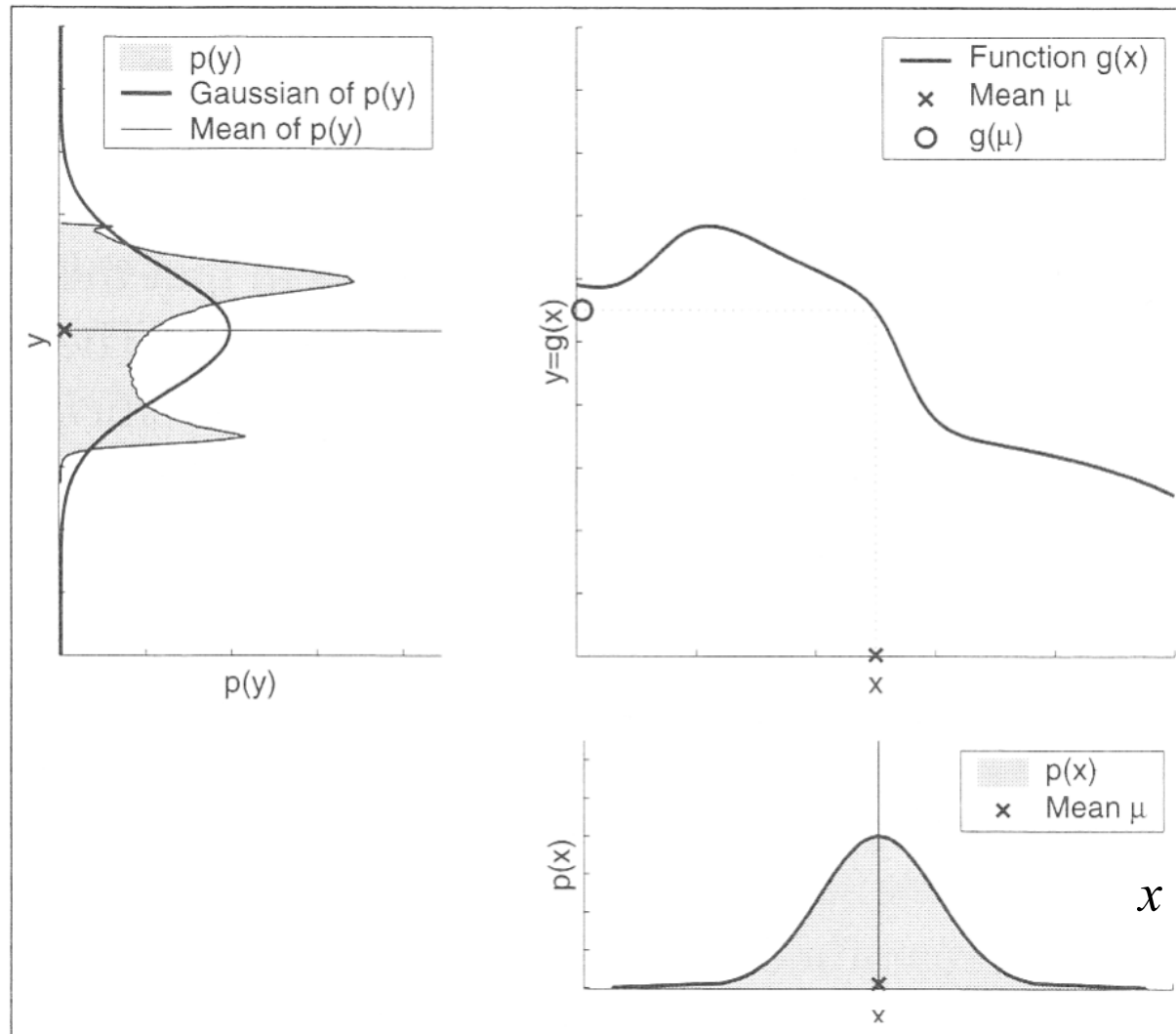
$$y = g(x) \\ = ax + b$$





Non-Linear Function

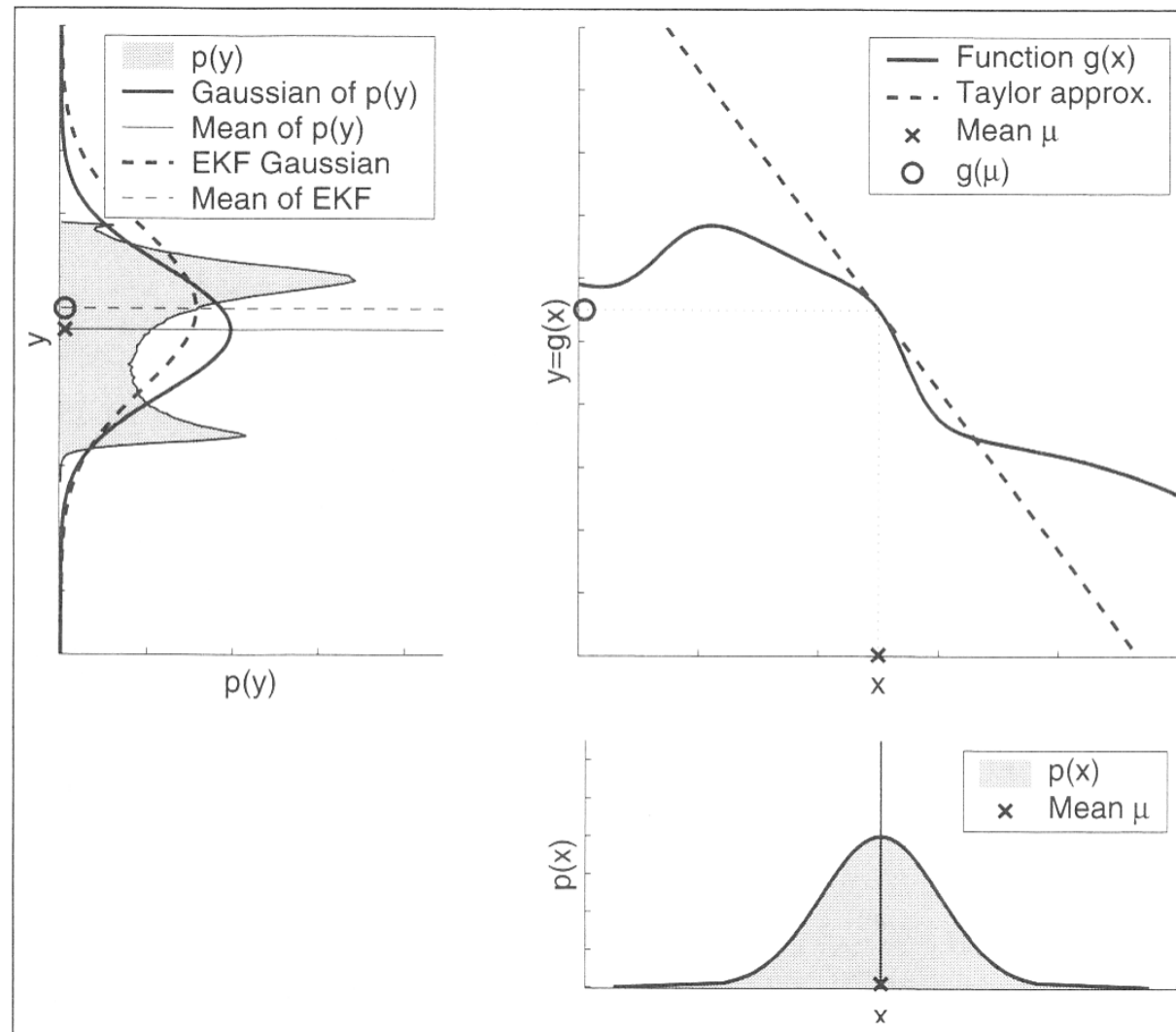
$$y = g(x)$$



$$x \sim N(\mu, \sigma^2)$$



Linearization of Function





Linearization

- Relax the linear requirement of a Kalman Filter, by approximating the Propagation & Measurement functions with linear functions.
- We can linearize a function via a Taylor Expansion



Taylor Expansion

$$x_k = g(x_{k-1}, u_k) + q_k$$

$$z_k = h(x_k) + r_k$$

For a Gaussian prior, $x_{k-1} \sim N(\mu_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1})$
we will linearize about the most likely value μ_{k-1}

$$g(x_{k-1}, u_k) \approx g(\mu_{k-1}, u_k) + G_k(x_{k-1} - \mu_{k-1})$$

$$G_k \triangleq \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k-1}} \right|_{\mu_{k-1}} g(x_{k-1}, u_k)$$



Taylor Expansion

$$x_k = g(x_{k-1}, u_k) + q_k$$

$$z_k = h(x_k) + r_k$$

For a Gaussian predicted state, $\bar{x}_k \sim N(\bar{\mu}_k, \bar{\Sigma}_k)$
we will linearize about the most likely value $\bar{\mu}_k$

$$h(x_k) \approx h(\bar{\mu}_k) + H_k (x_k - \bar{\mu}_k)$$

$$H_k \triangleq \left. \frac{\partial}{\partial x_{k-1}} \right|_{\bar{\mu}_k} h(x_k)$$



Prediction and Update Formulas

prediction step:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

$$N(g(\mu_{k-1}, u_k) - G_k(x_{k-1} - \mu_{k-1}), Q_k) \quad N(\mu_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1})$$

Based on our knowledge of how to derive a Kalman filter, the answer is:

$$p(x | z_{1:k-1}) = N(g(x_{k-1}, u_k), G_k \Sigma_{k-1} G_k^T + Q_k)$$

....

(verify above Gaussian multiplication gives a quadratic form in $X = x_k, x_{k-1}$, and can use marginal properties of joint Gaussian distribution)



Prediction and Update Formulas

update step:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = \frac{1}{\eta} p(z_k | x_k) p(x_k | z_{1:k-1})$$

$$N(h(\bar{\mu}_k) - H_k(x_k - \bar{\mu}_k), R) \quad N(\bar{\mu}_k, \bar{\Sigma}_k)$$

The product of two Gaussians -> is another Gaussian

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

(Proof: analogous to KF!-
look at quadratic forms)

$$\begin{cases} \mu_k = \bar{\mu}_k + K_k(z_k - h(\bar{\mu}_k)) \\ \Sigma_k = (I - K_k H_k) \bar{\Sigma}_k \end{cases}$$

$$\text{with } K_k = \bar{\Sigma}_k H_k^T (H_k \bar{\Sigma}_k H_k^T + Q_k)^{-1}$$



Putting it all together : EKF

Prior estimate

$$p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) = N(\mu_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1})$$

Prediction step

$$\begin{aligned}\bar{\mu}_k &= g(\mu_{k-1}, u_k) \\ \bar{\Sigma}_k &= G_k \Sigma_{k-1} G_k^T + Q_k\end{aligned}$$

Predicted
estimate

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = N(\bar{\mu}_k, \bar{\Sigma}_k)$$

Update Step

$$\begin{aligned}K_k &= \bar{\Sigma}_k H_k^T (H_k \bar{\Sigma}_k H_k^T + R_k)^{-1} \\ \mu_k &= \bar{\mu}_k + K_k (z_k - h(\bar{\mu}_k)) \\ \Sigma_k &= (I - K_k H_k) \bar{\Sigma}_k\end{aligned}$$

Posterior
estimate

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = N(\mu_k, \Sigma_k)$$

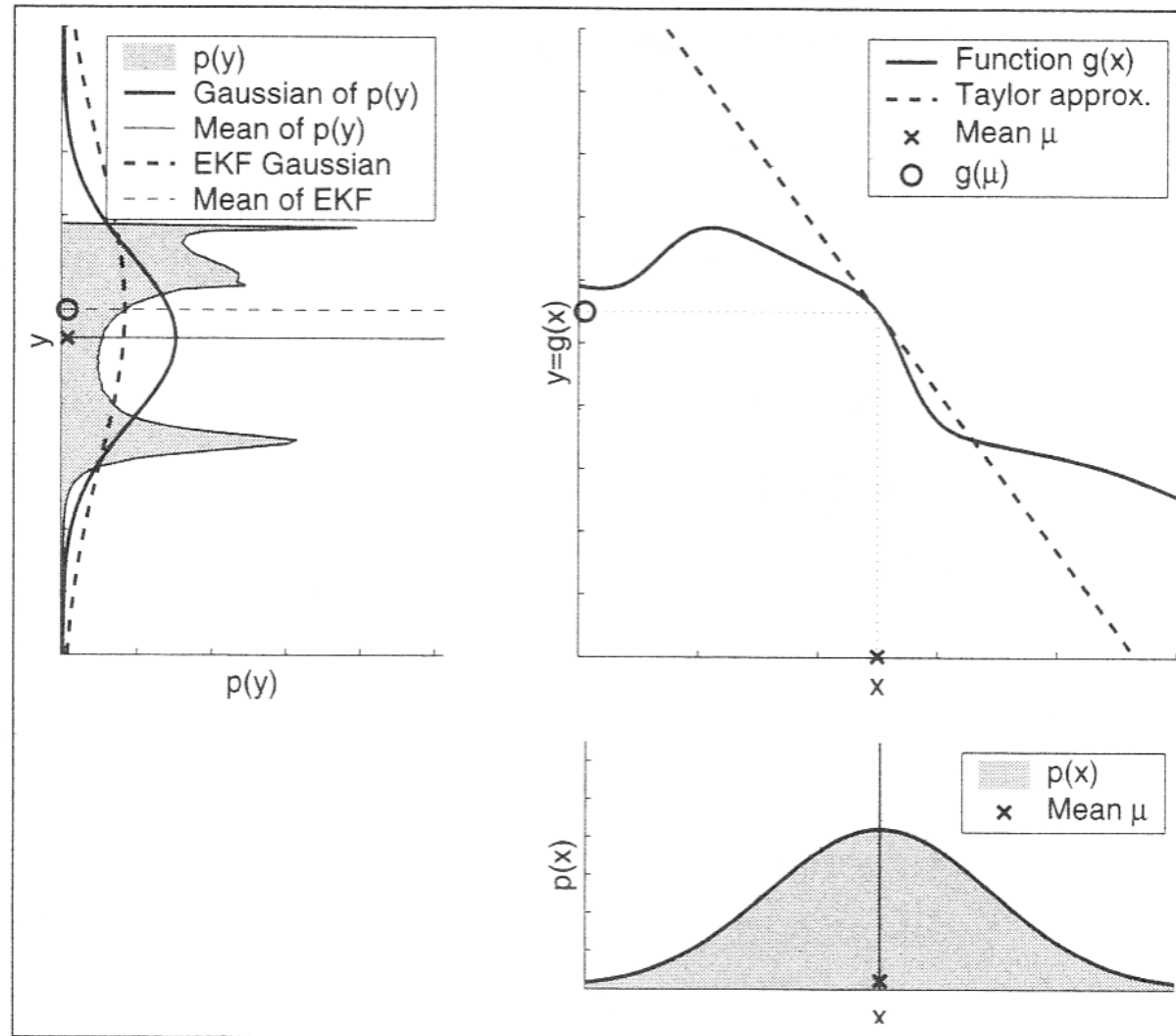


EKF notes

- The EKF is efficient as it uses only a Gaussian distribution for state representation.
- Very widely used - Almost all robotics problems are non-linear.
- The degree to which a EKF will work depends on how well the system linearize: depends on both the system uncertainty and the governing equations.

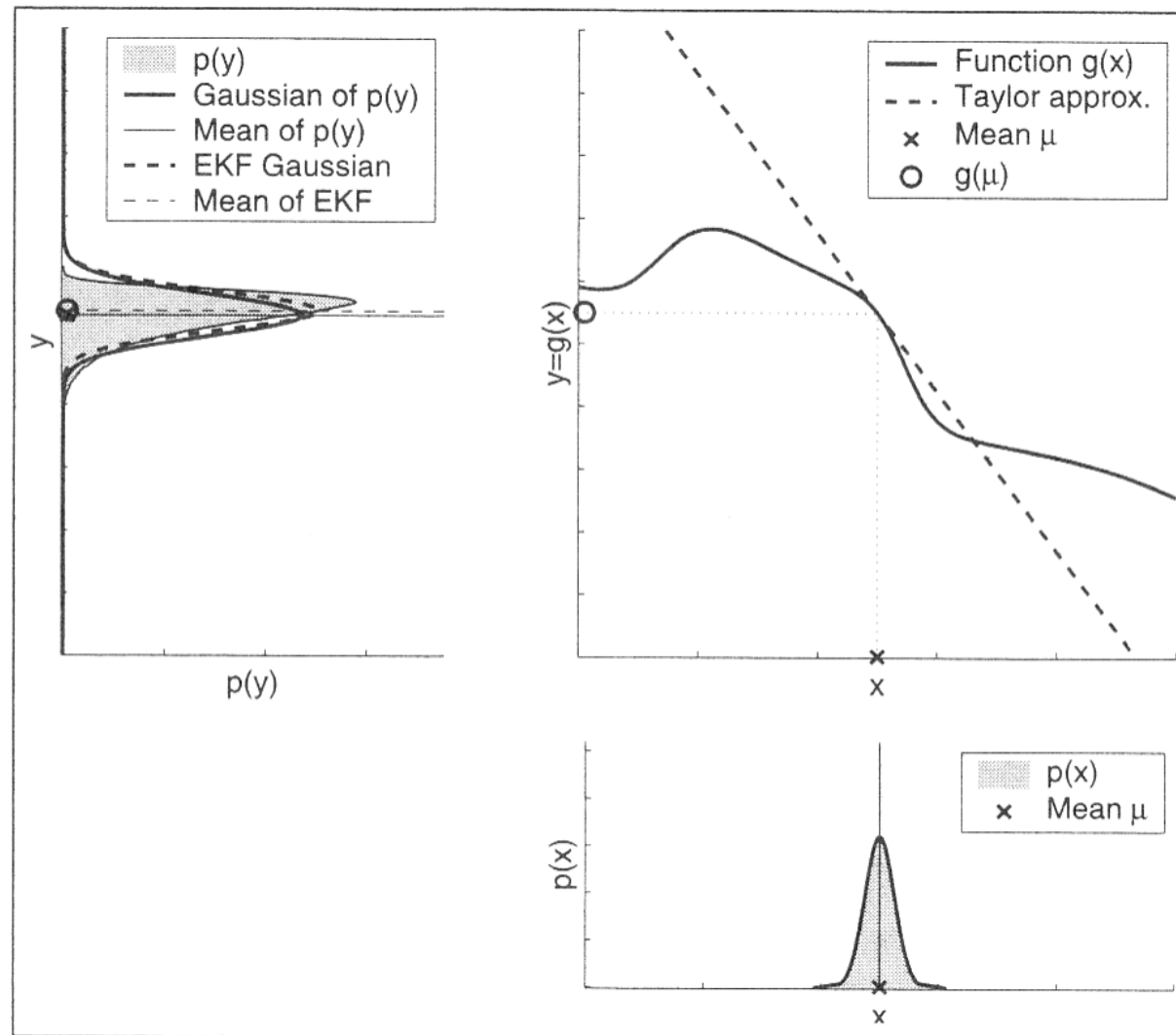


Linearization of Function (BAD)





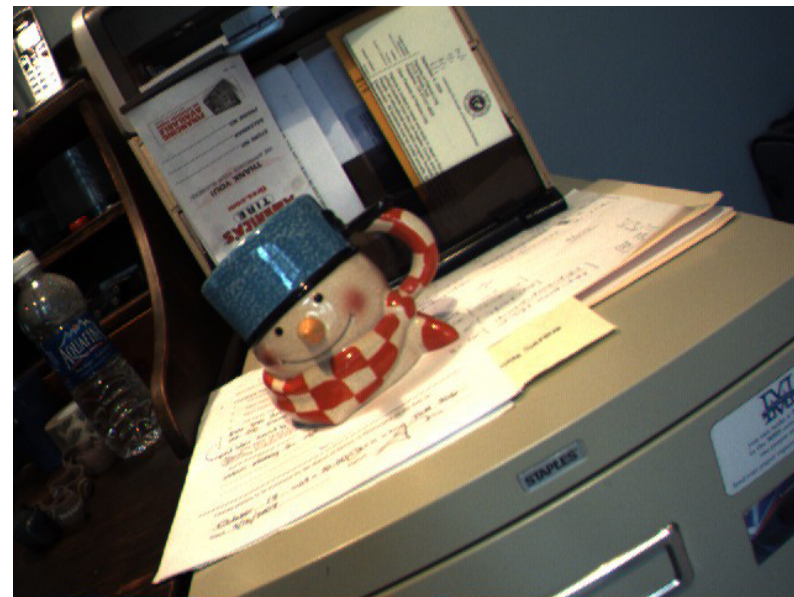
Linearization of Function (GOOD)





EKF Tracking Example (J. Ma Thesis)

- Can you estimate the 6DOF pose of the object in the scene?





EKF Tracking Example (J. Ma Thesis)

- Match SIFT features from model to current image

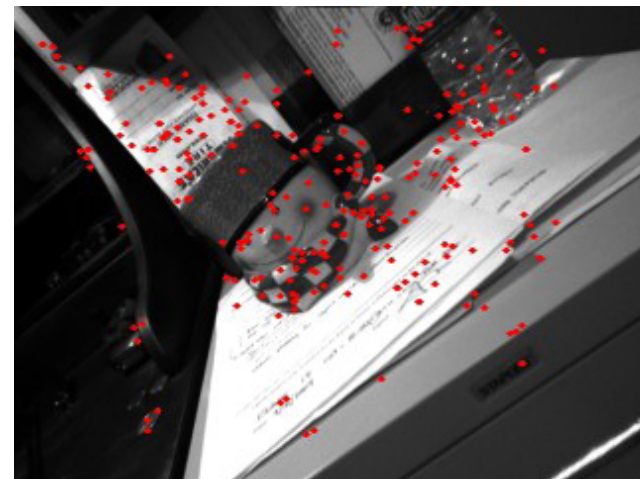


model features (*database*)

$$\mathbf{b}_j = [b_x, b_y, b_z, d_j]$$

Feature location
(in object frame)

SIFT descriptor



current image features

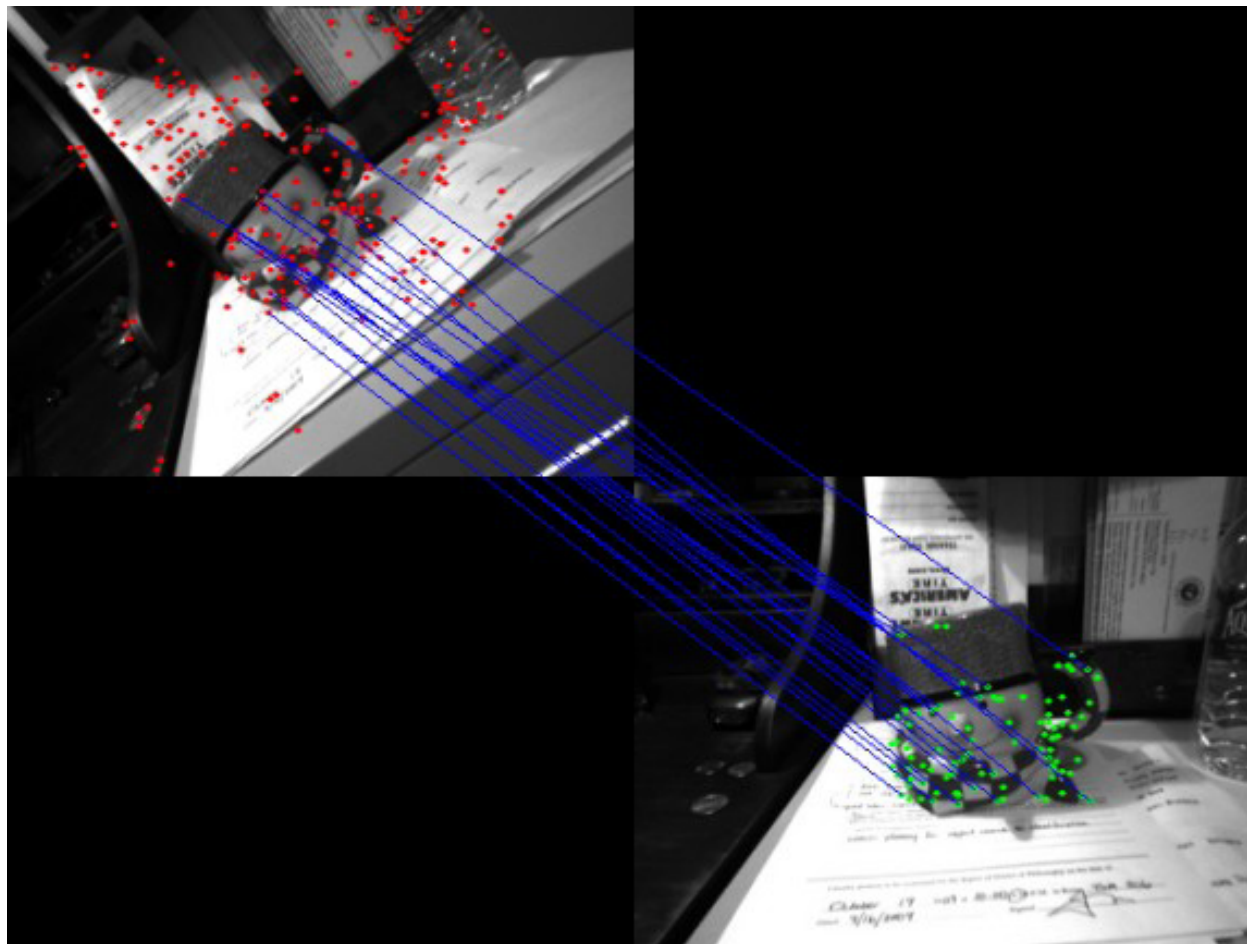
$$\bar{d}_j$$

Observed descriptor



EKF Tracking Example (J. Ma Thesis)

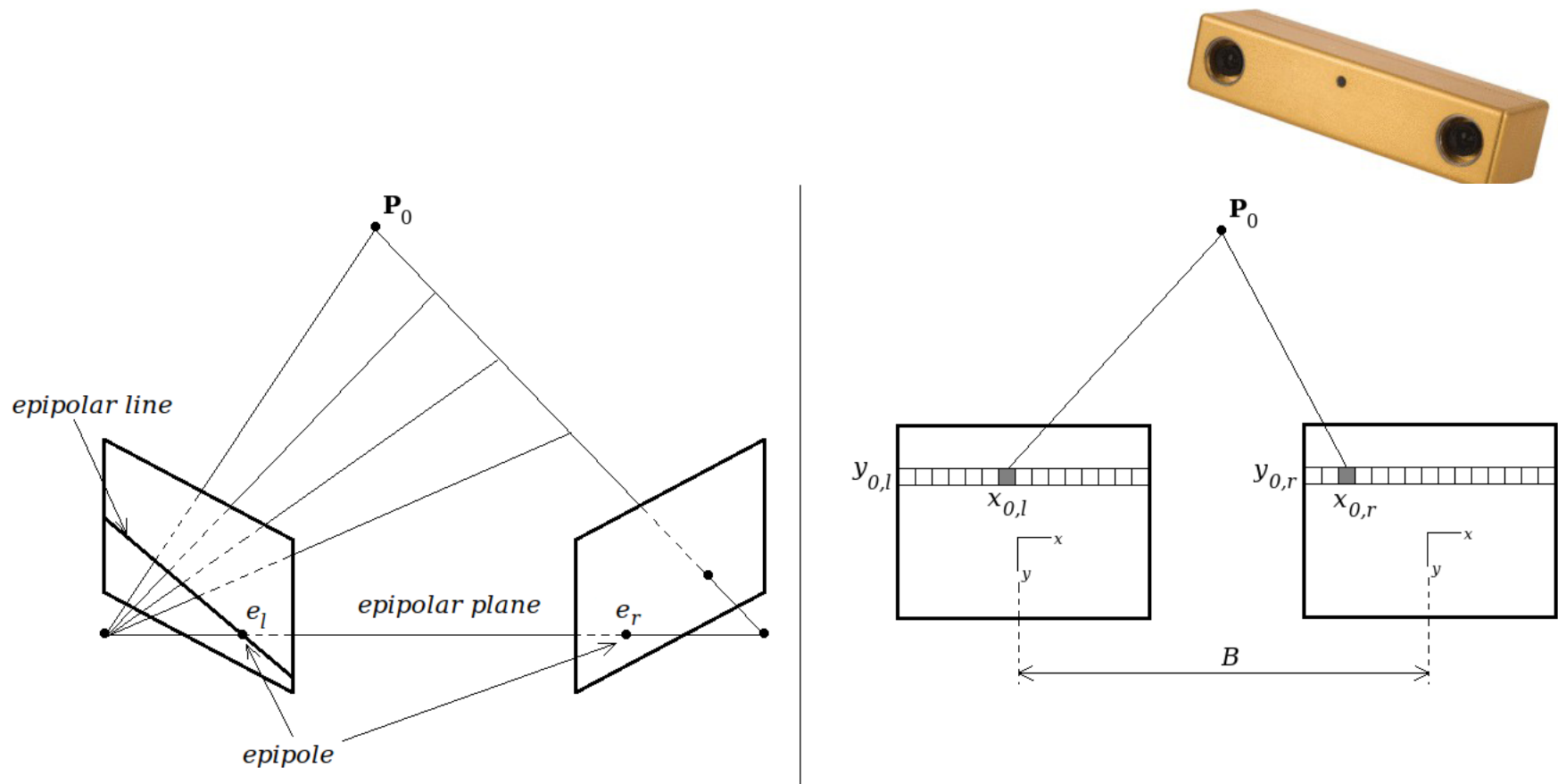
- We will assume perfect matching between observed features and the model features *Best-Bin-First Search Method*





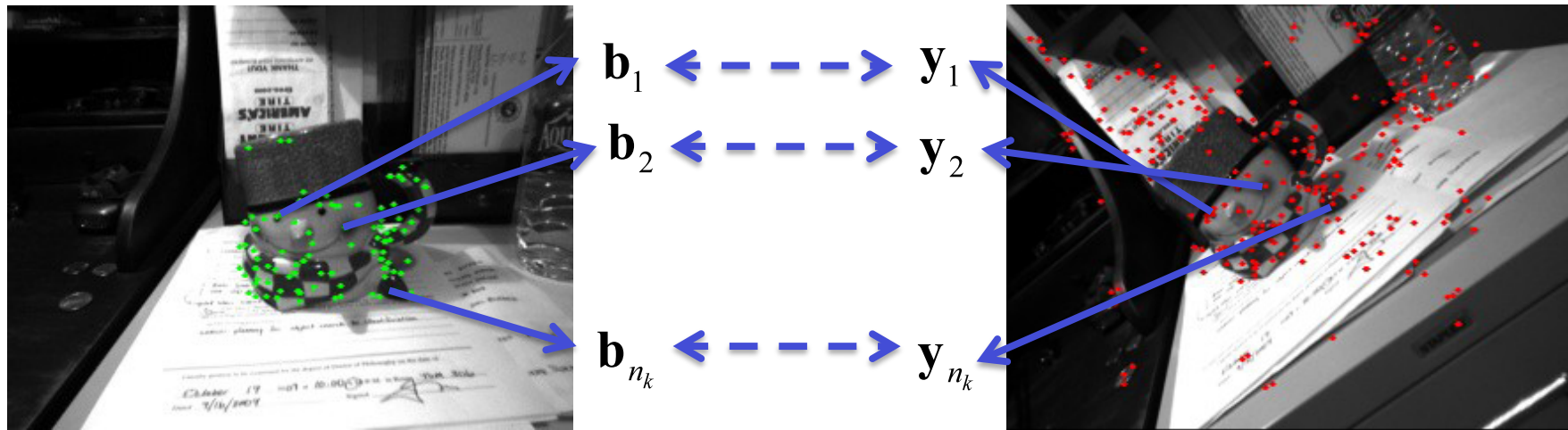
Key Idea- can measure “3D location” of points

- Using stereo cameras, the 3D location of SIFT features can be measured (in CAMERA FRAME)





Measurement Model



$$\mathbf{b}_j = [b_x, b_y, b_z]$$

$$\mathbf{y}_j = [y_x, y_y, y_z]$$

End up with a set of observed feature locations
and corresponding to model features



Measurement Model

Measurement is just “object features” rotated and translated into camera frame

$$\mathbf{b}_j = [b_x, b_y, b_z]$$

$$\mathbf{y}_j = [y_x, y_y, y_z]$$

$$D_k = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{y}_1 \\ \mathbf{y}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{y}_{n_k} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}_k + R_k \mathbf{b}_1 \\ \mathbf{x}_k + R_k \mathbf{b}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \mathbf{x}_k + R_k \mathbf{b}_{n_k} \end{bmatrix} + r_k$$

$$D_k = h(X_k) + r_k$$

$$X_k = [\mathbf{x}_k, \Theta_k]$$

$$\Theta_j = [\alpha, \beta, \gamma]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = [x_k, y_k, z_k]$$

$$R(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) = R_z(\alpha) R_y(\beta) R_x(\gamma) =$$

$$\begin{pmatrix} \cos \alpha \cos \beta & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma - \sin \alpha \cos \gamma & \cos \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma + \sin \alpha \sin \gamma \\ \sin \alpha \cos \beta & \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma + \cos \alpha \cos \gamma & \sin \alpha \sin \beta \cos \gamma - \cos \alpha \sin \gamma \\ -\sin \beta & \cos \beta \sin \gamma & \cos \beta \cos \gamma \end{pmatrix}.$$



Linearization of Measurement Equation

$$\frac{\partial h_i}{\partial X_k} = \frac{\partial}{\partial X_k} [\mathbf{x}_k + R_k(\alpha, \beta, \gamma) \mathbf{b}_i] \quad \frac{\partial \mathbf{h}_i}{\partial \mathbf{X}_k} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{\partial h_1^i}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial h_1^i}{\partial \beta} & \frac{\partial h_1^i}{\partial \gamma} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{\partial h_2^i}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial h_2^i}{\partial \beta} & \frac{\partial h_2^i}{\partial \gamma} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & \frac{\partial h_3^i}{\partial \alpha} & \frac{\partial h_3^i}{\partial \beta} & \frac{\partial h_3^i}{\partial \gamma} \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\frac{\partial h_1^i}{\partial \alpha} = -s\alpha c\beta \cdot b_x^{J(i)} + (-s\alpha s\beta s\gamma - c\alpha c\gamma) \cdot b_y^{J(i)} + (-s\alpha s\beta c\gamma + c\alpha s\gamma) \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_1^i}{\partial \beta} = -c\alpha s\beta \cdot b_x^{J(i)} + c\alpha c\beta s\gamma \cdot b_y^{J(i)} + c\alpha c\beta c\gamma \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_1^i}{\partial \gamma} = (c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma) \cdot b_y^{J(i)} + (-c\alpha s\beta s\gamma + s\alpha c\gamma) \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_2^i}{\partial \alpha} = c\alpha c\beta \cdot b_x^{J(i)} + (c\alpha s\beta s\gamma - s\alpha c\gamma) \cdot b_y^{J(i)} + (c\alpha s\beta c\gamma + s\alpha s\gamma) \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_2^i}{\partial \beta} = -s\alpha s\beta \cdot b_x^{J(i)} + s\alpha c\beta s\gamma \cdot b_y^{J(i)} + s\alpha c\beta c\gamma \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_2^i}{\partial \gamma} = (s\alpha s\beta c\gamma - c\alpha s\gamma) \cdot b_y^{J(i)} + (-s\alpha s\beta s\gamma - c\alpha c\gamma) \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_3^i}{\partial \alpha} = 0,$$

$$\frac{\partial h_3^i}{\partial \beta} = -c\beta \cdot b_x^{J(i)} - s\beta s\gamma \cdot b_y^{J(i)} - s\beta c\gamma \cdot b_z^{J(i)},$$

$$\frac{\partial h_3^i}{\partial \gamma} = c\beta c\gamma \cdot b_y^{J(i)} - c\beta \cdot s\gamma \cdot b_z^{J(i)}.$$



Motion Model

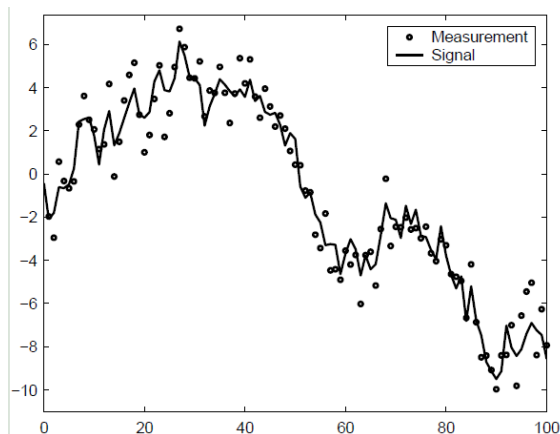
Motion model (prediction) is just a random walk
–it is already linear

$$X_k = X_{k-1} + q_k$$

$$X_k = [\mathbf{x}_k, \Theta_k]$$

$$\Theta_j = [\alpha, \beta, \gamma]$$

$$\mathbf{x}_k = [x_k, y_k, z_k]$$





EKF Results

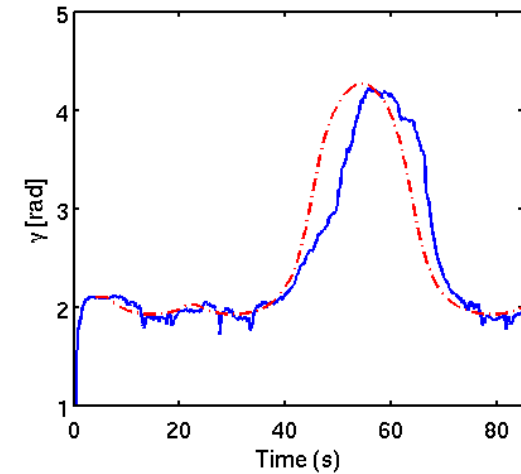
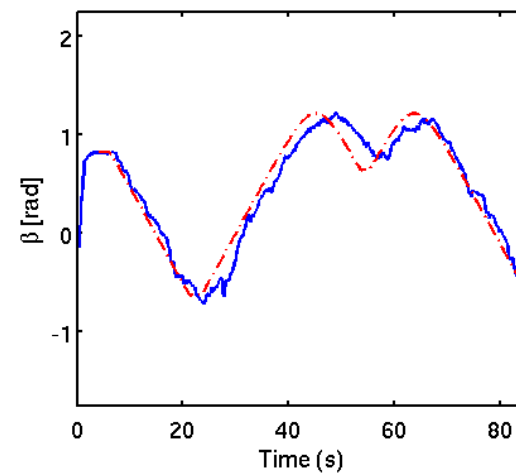
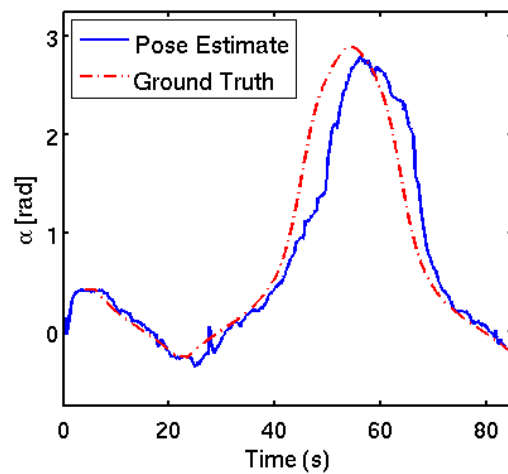
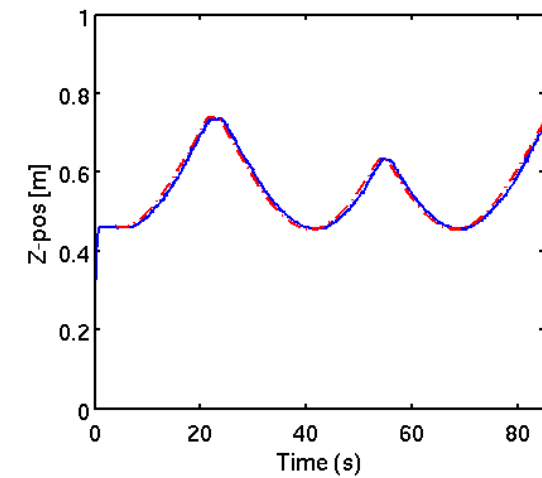
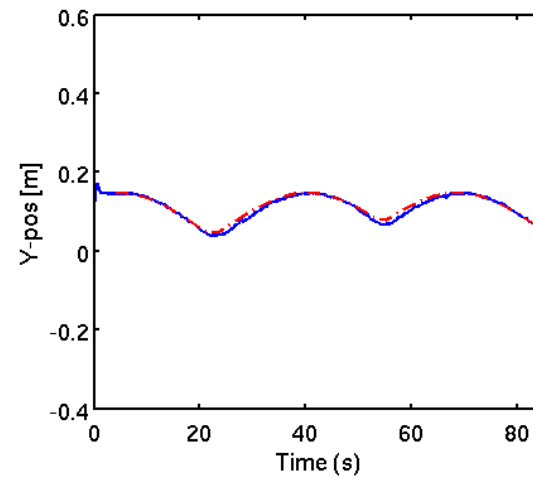
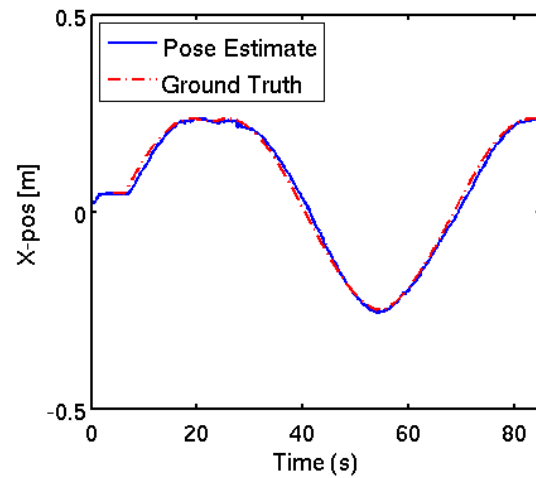


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pose:          +0.00 +0.00 +0.00
(roll, pitch, yaw): +0.00 +0.00 +0.00
NUM FEATURES IN DATABASE: 1482
NUM CURRENT FEATURES: 0
NUM CURRENT MATCHES: 0
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EKF Example





Further EKF Examples:

- Brian will show you a EKF for mapping and localization
- Uses a similar concept of linearizing the rotation matrix associated with both the propagation and update equations.

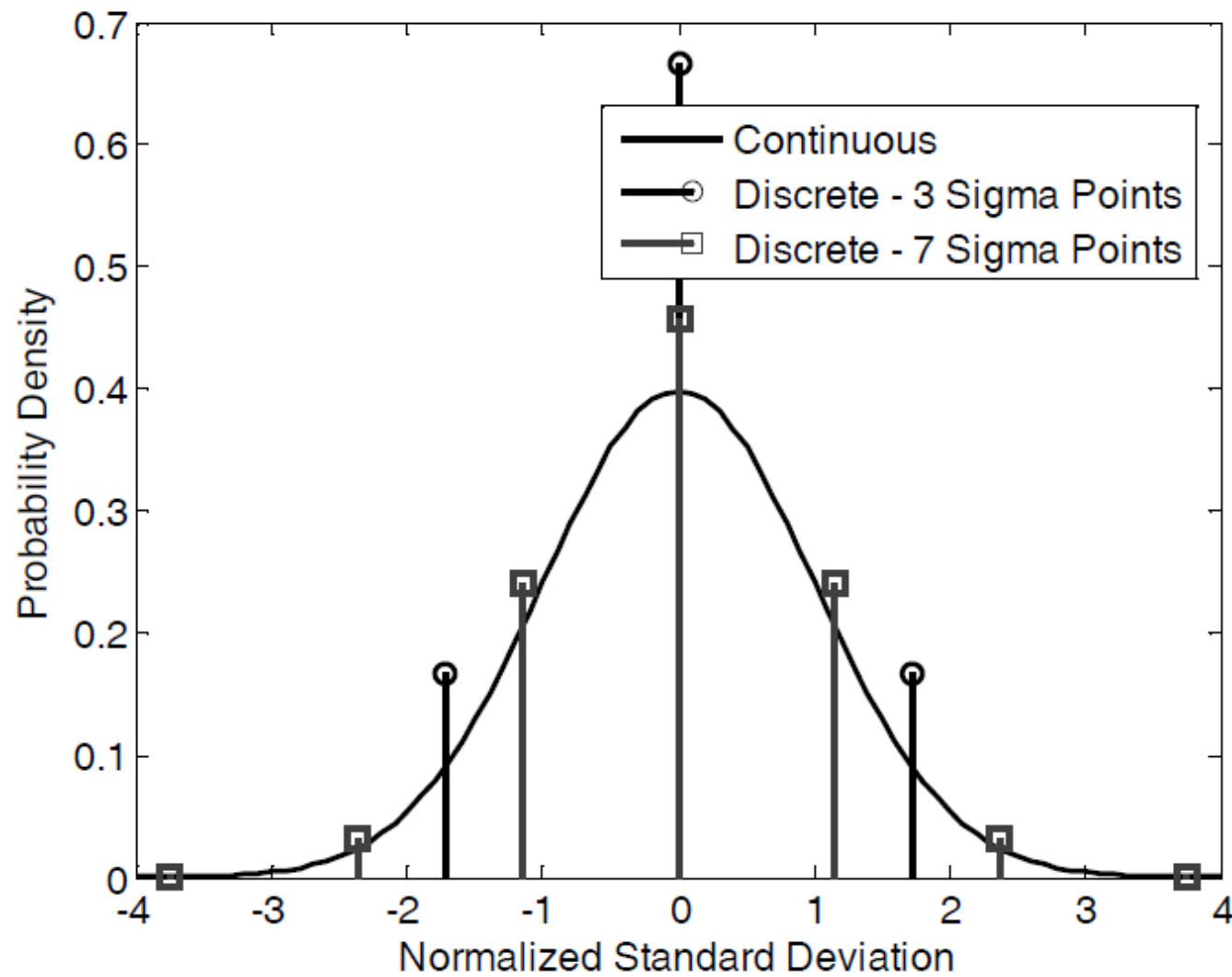


THE UKF

- Another way to linearize a system is through the Unscented Transform.
- This creates the **Unscented Kalman Filter** (or Sigma Point Kalman Filter)
- **Read SS 3.4 in “Probabilistic Robotics”**
- Is also highly efficient (not quite as good as the EKF)
- If you don't like derivatives (or your problem does not enable efficient representations of them) it is also derivative free!



Sigma Points





Sigma Points

Intuition (Julier & Uhlmann, 2004):

It is easier to approximate a probability distribution than it is to approximate an arbitrary nonlinear function.

For a 'n' dim Gaussian:

	$\chi^0 = \mu$		$w^0 = \frac{\lambda}{n + \lambda}$
Sigma points	$\chi^i = \mu + \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda)\Sigma} \right)_i$	Weights	$w^i = \frac{1}{2(n + \lambda)}$
	$\chi^{i+n} = \mu - \left(\sqrt{(n + \lambda)\Sigma} \right)_i$		$w^{i+n} = w^i$

$(\sqrt{A})_i$ i^{th} column of matrix square root

λ User defined constant

$$\mu = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i \chi^i$$

$$\Sigma = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i (\chi^i - \mu)(\chi^i - \mu)^T$$



Sigma Points

Intuition (Julier & Uhlmann, 2004):

It is easier to approximate a probability distribution than it is to approximate an arbitrary nonlinear function.

Pass sigma points through nonlinear function

$$\psi^i = g(\chi^i)$$

Recover mean and covariance

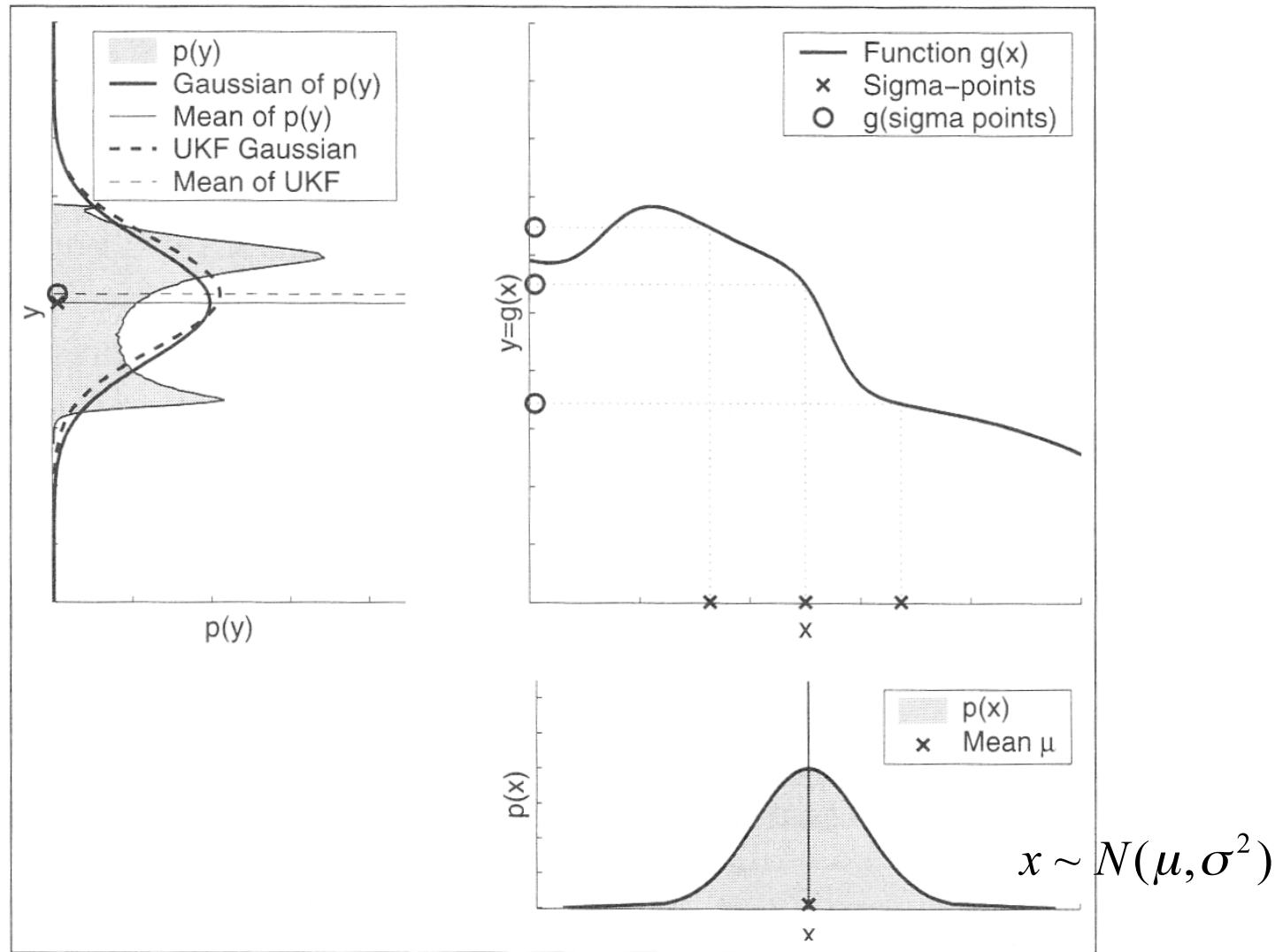
$$\mu' = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i \psi^i$$

$$\Sigma' = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i (\psi^i - \mu')(\psi^i - \mu')^T$$



Unscented Transform

$$y = g(x)$$





Prediction and Update Formulas

Prediction:

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k-1}) = \int p(x_k | x_{k-1}) p(x_{k-1} | z_{1:k-1}) dx_{k-1}$$

$$N(\mu_{k-1}, \Sigma_{k-1})$$

$$\chi_{t-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \mu_{t-1} & \mu_{t-1} + \gamma \sqrt{\Sigma_{t-1}} & \mu_{t-1} - \gamma \sqrt{\Sigma_{t-1}} \end{bmatrix} \quad \gamma = \sqrt{n + \lambda}$$

$$\chi_k^* = g(\chi_{k-1}, u_k)$$

Generate & propagate sigma points

$$\bar{\mu}_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i \chi_{i,k}^*$$

Replace integral with Summation

$$\bar{\Sigma}_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i (\chi_{i,k}^* - \bar{\mu}_k)(\chi_{i,k}^* - \bar{\mu}_k)^T$$



Prediction and Update Formulas

$$p(x_k | z_{1:k}) = \frac{1}{\eta} \underbrace{p(z_k | x_k) p(x_k | z_{1:k-1})}_{\downarrow} \rightarrow N(\bar{\mu}_k, \bar{\Sigma}_k)$$

$$\bar{\chi}_k = \begin{bmatrix} \bar{\mu}_k & \bar{\mu}_k + \gamma \sqrt{\bar{\Sigma}_k} & \bar{\mu}_k - \gamma \sqrt{\bar{\Sigma}_k} \end{bmatrix} \quad \gamma = \sqrt{n + \lambda}$$

$$\bar{Z}_k = h(\bar{\chi}_{k-1}) \quad \text{Generate \& propagate sigma points}$$

$$\hat{Z}_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i \bar{Z}_{i,k} \quad \text{Predicted measurement mean}$$

$$S_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i (\bar{Z}_{i,k} - \hat{Z}_k)(\bar{Z}_{i,k} - \hat{Z}_k)^T \quad \text{Pred. measurement covariance}$$



Prediction and Update Formulas

$$\hat{z}_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i \bar{z}_{i,k}$$

Predicted measurement mean

$$S_k = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i (\bar{z}_{i,k} - \hat{z}_k)(\bar{z}_{i,k} - \hat{z}_k)^T$$

Pred. measurement covariance

$$\Sigma_k^{x,z} = \sum_{i=0}^{2n} w^i (\bar{x}_{i,k} - \bar{\mu}_t)(\bar{z}_{i,k} - \hat{z}_k)^T$$

Cross-covariance

$$K_k = \Sigma_k^{x,z} S_k^{-1}$$

Kalman gain

$$\mu_k = \bar{\mu}_k + K_k (z_k - \hat{z}_k)$$

Updated mean

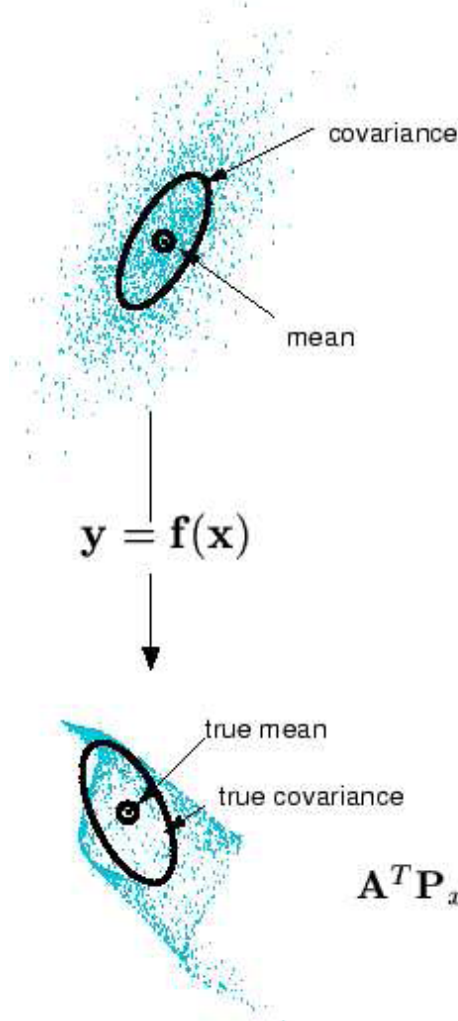
$$\Sigma_t = \bar{\Sigma}_t - K_t S_t K_t^T$$

Updated covariance

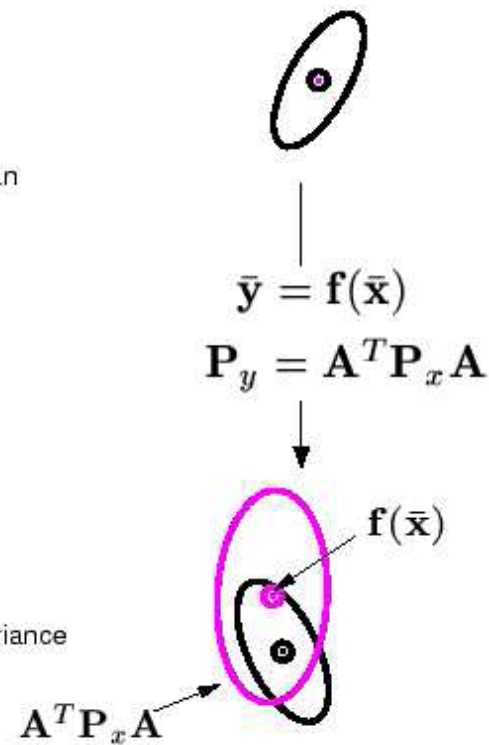


EKF, UT

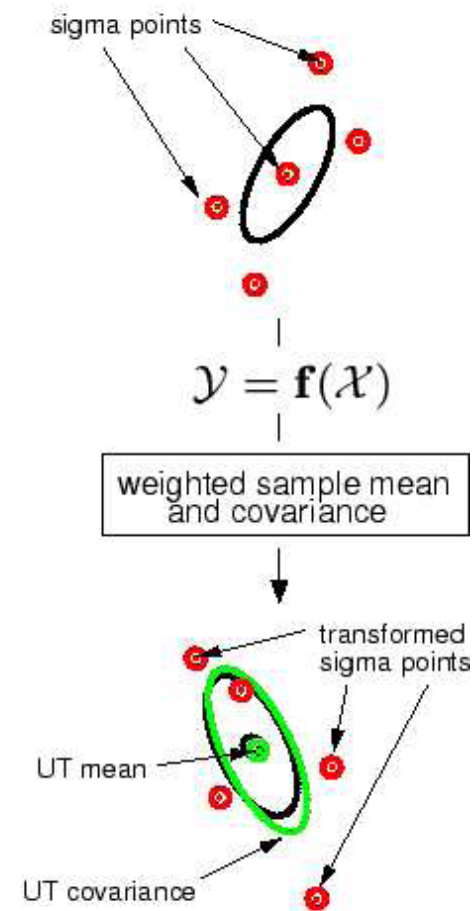
Actual (sampling)



Linearized (EKF)

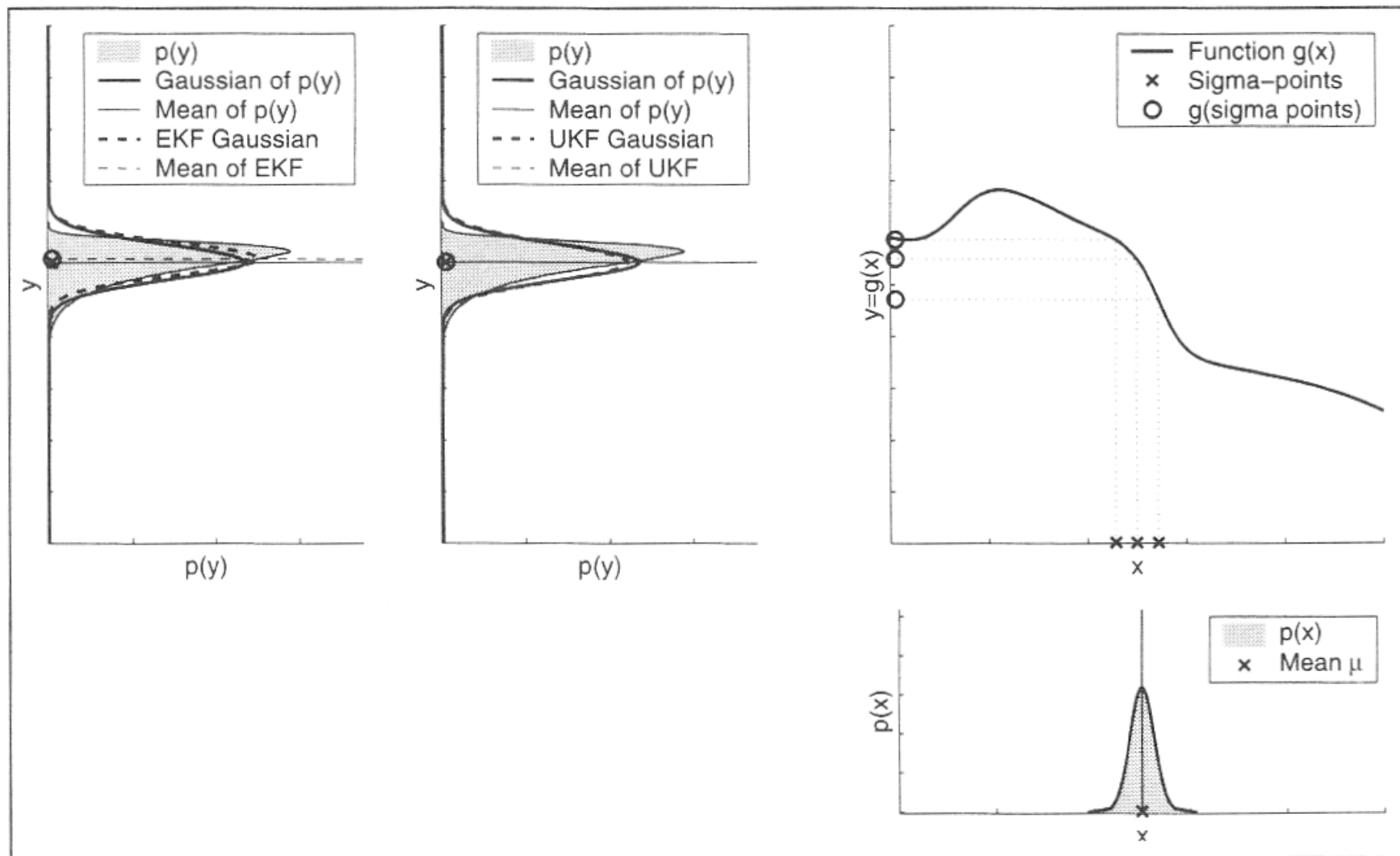


UT



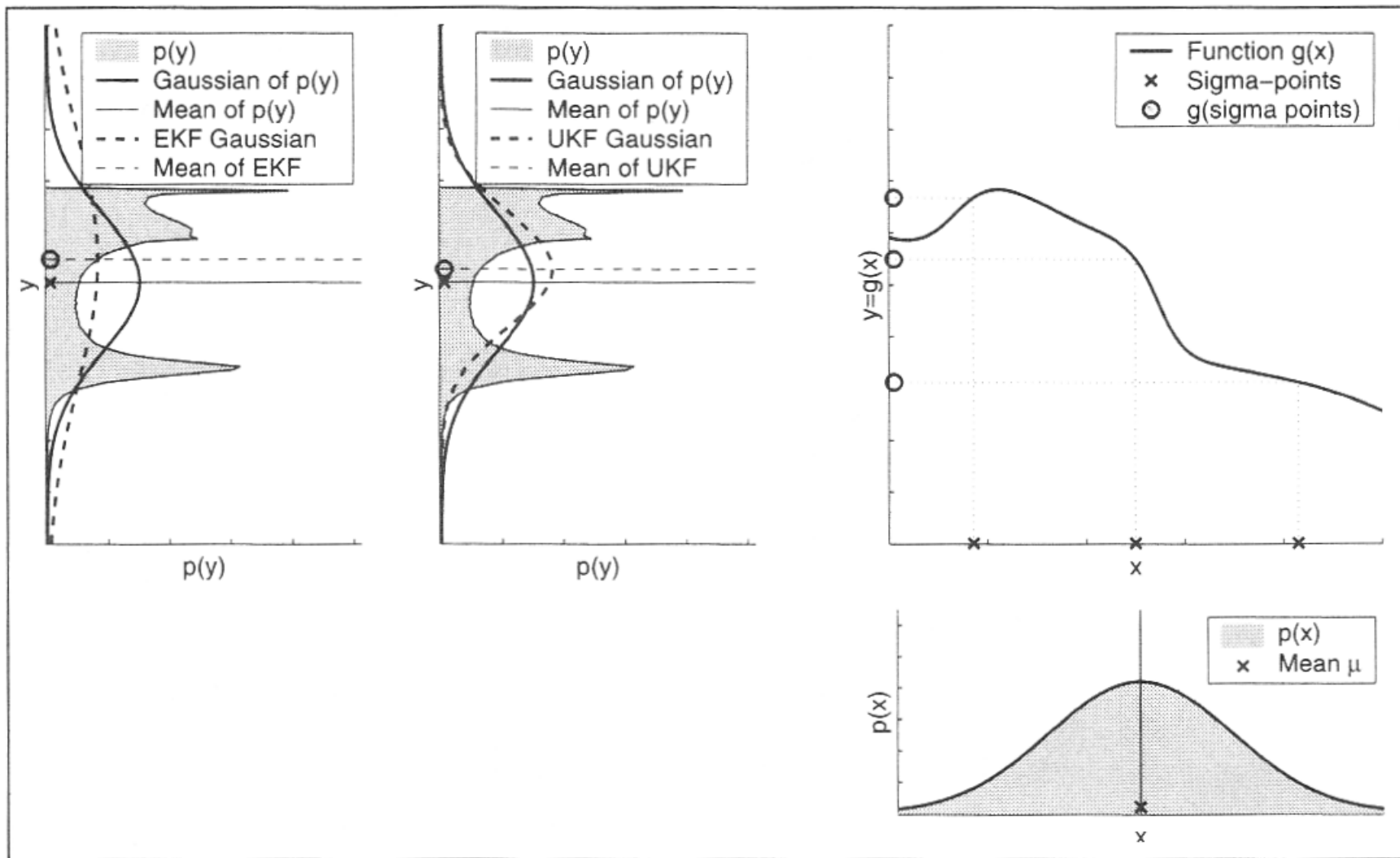


Linearization vs. UT (1)





Linearization vs. UT (2)





Why use a UKF

- Use a UKF when
 - g & h are non-linear
 - A EKF is not performing well or you cannot derive it.
- Use a KF if linear
- Use a EKF if you can (faster – although not by much)
- Use a Particle Filter (Thursday) when the Gaussian assumption breaks down.